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RUGBY ARTISTIC SWIMMING CLUB



RUGBY SWIMMING CLUB'S ARTISTIC SWIMMERS WIN FOUR SILVER MEDALS AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN NOTTINGHAM

The National Championships is the main event of the year and highest level of competition for swimmers aged 15 to 18-years-old, as competitors travelled to the meet from across the country.

For Rugby, 18 swimmers from the club had worked hard to qualify to swim and the first day of the competition focused on the technical event which would mark a monumental moment for the club as the senior team took silver in the technical team event to become the first Rugby squad ever to secure a medal in a team event at a National Championships.

The team comprised of Lola Dudkowsky, Olivia Tyers, Lili Carroll, Charlie Putt, Poppy Williams, Bethany Clarke, Young and India Townsend with Olivia Eaves and Matilda John in reserve.

Day 2 and Eve Young came away with two silver medals as she placed second in both the senior and junior free solo events, breaking the 70-point barrier for the first time.

In the free team event, the senior's 'Sun' routine saw them earn a personal best score of 67 points and their second silver medal of the competition with another fantastic performance in a hugely competitive field, with many of those competing on the GB training pathway.

The team comprised of Dudkowsky, Tyers, Carroll, Putt, Williams, John, Young and Townsend with Josephine Mozley and Clarke in reserve.

Also competing were the club's junior free team who impressed with their 'Lion King' routine to score 61 points and secure a top-eight finish against the best teams from across the country.

The team comprised of Olivia Eaves, Ariane Sargent, Jagoda Czuplak, Edith John, Amy Buckley, Jessica Barrett-Leaf and Natalia Rodrigues.

For many of these swimmers, it was their first time competing at the Championships whilst others were appearing at their last national event due to the age restrictions.

Head coach Hannah Secher commented "this competition is the highest level our young swimmers can compete at. To qualify is an achievement in itself, to place second in the technical and free team events as well as taking 8th place and success in the solo event, proves how hard our athletes have worked up to this point, with the majority of the swimmers also studying for their GCSE's and A Levels. It's been a fantastic experience for them all and we are extremely proud of the results."

If anyone is interested in trying artistic swimming, contact head coach Hannah Secher at: rugbysynchro.headcoach@gmail.com